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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Mark R. McCormick      Date: October 22, 1997  
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For: METHOD FOR PRECIPITATING      File No.: 700399.90053  
NUCLEIC ACID WITH VISIBLE  
CARRIER

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Washington DC 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed July 22, 1997,  
please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 2-13 as follows:

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2. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1 [further comprising the step of covalently coupling] wherein the carrier molecule is covalently attached to the indicator molecule.

3. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1 [further comprising the step of covalently coupling] wherein the